

Rock Creek Fellowship  
Worship  
May 5, 2024  
9:00 AM

**Prelude Song**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

Hymnal, pg. 2

**Call to Worship**

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God’s house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

*Pastor Brian*

**Worship in Song**

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus,”

Hymnal, pg. 337

**Confession of Faith**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Connie Ward*

**Worship with Tithes and Offering**

**“I Surrender All”**

1. All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
In his presence daily live.

**Refrain:**

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at his feet, I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

**(Refrain)**

3. All to Jesus I surrender;  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that thou art mine.

**(Refrain)**

4. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to thee,  
Fill me with thy love and power,  
Let thy blessing fall on me.

**(Refrain)**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Peter Goss*

**Announcements****Welcoming One Another**

**“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**Scripture Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*Emily Webb*

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.  
<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,”  
declares the Lord.  
<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,” declares the Lord.  
“I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
<sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the Lord.  
“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

**All: but the Word of our God stands forever.**

**Romans 8:1-17**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds

of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Newness of Life: “Being Fully Who We Are”*

*Pastor Eric*

**Confession of Sin**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*(Offer silent prayers of confession.)*

**The Lord’s Supper**

*On behalf of our Savior, Rock Creek Fellowship warmly welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Lord’s Supper. Since this is a meal for increasing our faith, enhancing our allegiance, and participating more deeply in the life of Christ, we’d ordinarily expect those who participate to be looking to Christ for their renewal and salvation, to trust and follow him, and to be a member of a church that is seeking to esteem and embody Christ in its worship and ways.*

**“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”**

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel  
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust  
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace  
Attends the mourner’s prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there  
4. Thy mercy seat is open still  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still,

Here let my soul retreat  
 With humble hope attend Thy will,  
 And wait beneath Thy feet

**“Man of Sorrows”**

1. Man of Sorrows, what a name  
 For the Son of God who came  
 Ruined sinners to reclaim  
 Hallelu - jah, what a Savior
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
 In my place condemned He stood  
 Sealed my pardon with His blood  
 Hallelu - jah, what a Savior
3. Guilty, vile, and helpless we  
 Spotless Lamb of God was He  
 Full atonement, can it be?  
 Hallelu - jah, what a Savior
4. Lifted up was He to die  
 It is finished, was His cry  
 Now in heav'n exalted high  
 Hallelu - jah, what a Savior
5. When He comes, our glorious King  
 All His ransomed home to bring  
 Then anew this song we'll sing  
 Hallelu - jah, what a Savior

“Jesus, I Come,”

The Ann Book p 21

**Closing Song**

**“My Jesus, I love Thee”**

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
 For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
 My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
 And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
 I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
 And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
 And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
 I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
 I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**Benediction**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH LUNCHEON**

Today, after the 10:45 service (12:30ish) we will have a church-wide luncheon to welcome Pastor Brian and his family. We hope you will join us.

**LULA LAKE HIKE**

On Sunday, May 19 after the service at Durham Rd. we will have a church hike/BYO picnic at the Lula Lake Land Trust. The gates will open at 12:30 and close at 5PM. Look for more details soon.

**Welcome Visitors:** We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this Lord's day. Nursery is available for ages 0-5 during the worship service in the children's wing behind the Sanctuary. If you prefer to be with your nursing and/or crying child, please use the cry room located in front of the Sanctuary. You are also more than welcome to keep your children in the service with you.

**Give to RCF:** There are several ways that you can contribute financially to Rock Creek Fellowship: 1. Drop a check in the offering basket, 2. Mail a check to the church, or 3. Make a payment electronically using the paypal QR code below.



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**THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION.**

*"Sacrifice is God's chosen means of righting what's wrong in the world."*  
 -Eugene Peterson

*"The Word leads us to Christ by the ear: the Sacraments lead us to Christ by the eye and by the mouth and by the hand. But it is to the same Christ we are led. We do not get a better Christ in the Sacrament. But we may get Christ better by taking it."*  
 -Robert Bruce, 16th Century Scottish Pastor

*"And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. **They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts- that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts life belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion...God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us.**"*  
 -CS Lewis